NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK & CROP CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

1. <u>Title and its heading:</u> 41, State Government

Chapter and its heading: 3, Administrative Boards and Commissions

Article and its heading: 1.1, Arizona State Parks Board

2. The public information relating to the listed statute:

The Arizona Department of Agriculture is responsible for developing, implementing and managing the Livestock & Crop Conservation Grant Program (LCCGP). This grant program was created by the State Legislature through A.R.S. § 41-511.23(G)(1). Per the grant program authorizing statute, eligible applicants include individual landowners and grazing and agricultural lessees of state or federal lands that desire to implement conservation based management alternatives using livestock or crop production practices, or reduce livestock or crop production, to provide wildlife habitat or other public benefits that preserve open space.

The Department must provide public notice and sixty days for public comment on the grant guidelines and criteria, including public hearings. The LCCGP grant guidelines and criteria are posted on the Arizona Department of Agriculture website, www.azda.gov, under 'Grant Opportunities.' You may also direct questions or request a copy of the grant program guidelines and criteria by contacting the LCCGP staff listed below. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the grant program manual and application will be finalized, published and a grant application deadline will be announced.

3. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate:

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4. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:

Written comments may be submitted to the grant program staff listed above between January 16, 2012 and March 15, 2012.

A public hearing to solicit public comment on the 2012 grant program guidelines and criteria will be held as follows:

February 22, 2012 1 PM

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